

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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There Are Great Times Ahead! Who Would Not Want to Enter Into Them And Get Blest?

### Do You Use the World's Best Textbook?

By Arthur Chapman

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With all the competition in this age of books, the Bible is "the best seller" in the world today. More than thirty-five million copies are distributed annually. The Bible is millions and millions ahead of its nearest rivals among books, in spite of their advantages in novelty and in advertising.

When the book of a modern writer is translated into two or three languages, the author is as proud as a peacock. But the Bible is printed in six hundred and fifty different languages and dialects! There are twelve editions of it for the blind alone. In short, the most popular modern book anywhere is a mere piker, a hopelessly outclassed "also ran," compared with the Bible.

Charles A. Dana, one of the greatest newspaper editors this country has ever produced, was addressing an audience of university students once, and he told them that if they wanted to know two things—how to write and how to judge human nature—they could get more out of just two books than out of all the rest of the world's literature put together. Those two books were Shakespeare and the Bible. And he added that if they happened to lose Shakespeare, they would yet have all the world's wisdom, and the world's greatest piece of writing, if they still possessed the Bible.

Take the greatest moral writers in history. Can you conceive, for instance, of a bunch of hard-headed business men forming a society and getting up a fund to put a copy of Plato, or of Marcus Aurelius, or of Emerson, into every room of scores of hotels all over the United States? Do you think that hundreds of commercial travelers—"drummers"—for the sale of shoes and socks, and canned corn, and lumber, and hardware, and soap, and wall paper—would chip in to distribute thousands of copies of Epictetus?

Yet, for the past ten years, a big organization of these traveling men has been spending good money to put Bibles in hotel rooms. It is called the Gideons Society, has headquarters in Chicago, and publishes a national magazine.

The largest single shipment of Bibles in this country was when the Gideons sent two carloads to San Francisco, a few years ago, to be placed in the hotels of that city. The "Bible train" had a triumphal progress on its way to the coast. Crowds met it at stations along the route. You'd have thought it was carrying a President, or some royal visitor, instead of a few tons of books.

The Gideons can tell dozens of stories which have come to them because of the crop of 400,000 Bibles they have sowed right and left. Many of these stories are sent straight from the hotel rooms, where the writers of them, overwhelmed with grief or degradation, have found and read the book, which has given them hope and courage to face life again.

Men and women who have gone to these rooms planning not to leave them alive have picked up a Gideon Bible, read wherever by chance they opened it, and found words which saved them from the cowardice of suicide, and put them back, heads up and teeth set, into the ranks of the fighters again. Many of the Gideons themselves are men to whom these hotel Bibles came at some turning point in their career. Here is a typical story as told by one of them:

"I was like a good many traveling men who used to drink more or less," this man says, "although, in my case, I always drank more—not less. My sales manager knew my failing, and had slipped me several pretty sharp hints about it. But as I managed to deliver good business he couldn't jump on me very hard.

"On one of my trips, I started a 'jamboree' in Davenport and Rock Island. A bunch of congenial spirits, of both kinds, was making merry in my room at the hotel on Sunday, when a fellow I had never liked butted into the crowd. I wasn't in a very easy frame of mind, anyway, and everything he did and said seemed to rub me the wrong way.

"I managed to overlook a lot of things; but finally he got my goat for fair when he tore a leaf out of the Gideon Bible on the bureau. Said he wanted to make some notes on it. As you can understand, I wasn't any shining example of a religious man. But

given away in this manner.

One Bible Society has put 35,000 Bibles into New York hotels. When a college man, or a college graduate, enters a guest-room in a New York fraternity house, or in one of the college clubs, he finds a Bible there. Just as, at the other extreme of the social scale, the hobo, the down-and-out, the shivering outcast, can copy a copy of the same book in the cheap joint he patronizes.

From end to end of the country, in towns, villages, lonely mountain valleys, ice-bound Alaska mining camps, and parched Western deserts, you will find the agents of the society carrying their loads of Bibles. These porteurs, as they are called, have a queer assortment of experiences.

"I have had men curse and threaten me," says one of them;

"and, within the hour, have had other men bless and offer to help me. I have had money given to me; and I have had it taken away—by force. I have gone, with my Bibles, into many saloons, and only once was I told to get out. I have seen card games stop in the instant while the players crowded around to look at a few Bibles dumped on a table. Men who had been drinking and gambling a moment before would pick up the books, turn the leaves in a curious silence, then go down into their pockets for the money, and buy a copy.

"I have climbed into the cab of a slowly moving engine and sold a Bible to the engineer and one to the fireman before I dropped off again. I have had young men look wonderingly through the Bible and tell me they never had seen one before! I have been invited into the best houses—and I have eaten frogs and crawfish out of a rusty tin can, the host being three tramps beside a mudhole."

"One of these porteurs was about to enter a machine shop one day, carrying his suit case full of Bibles, when he noticed a prosperous-looking individual sitting in an automobile near the entrance, to the shop. Taking out one of the books, he offered it to the man, who gave it a lazy glance and said he wasn't interested. The agent smiled and asked him to keep it while he went into the shop.

"When I came out," says the agent, "I was reading it intently."

"How much?" he asked curiously.

"I told him, he produced the money and I went my way."

Who knows what that man found in the book he though he wasn't interested in, to make him want to own it? Pick up your own Bible—if you have one and know where to find it—open it anywhere, and see if you don't come across something which, in your imagination, you can see that man reading with sudden, sharp interest. For no human being can go far in the Bible without coming to something of personal, practical application to his daily life.

The porteur in this country must be a good deal of a linguist, for he serves people of almost all nations. Next to English, the greatest demand for Bibles here is for Italian and Polish. Indians want a Bible with a thumb index, "just like white man." The great time for distributing the books to them is at their annual gatherings, when the old tribal dances and chantings are followed by a big "sing-song" in English by the young Indians. Many of the agents systematically follow the street carnivals and country fairs. Others visit amusement parks of the Coney Island type. Others go to logging camps, mining camps, drive to the scattered homesteaders on the plains, or visit the negro cabins of the South.

Do you know of any other book in the world that would appeal to all these races, classes, ages, conditions? Do you know of any other book that would interest the most uneducated and the most highly cultivated alike?

Do you know any other book that could give just what they need to both the bum and the banker, the prince and the pauper, the demi-mondaine and the debutante, the scrubwoman and the society leader, to youth with life before it and to old age with one foot in the grave?

If it isn't the greatest textbook for human beings of all kinds, what is?

And if it is the greatest textbook in the world, are you missing a trick by not studying it?

In this magazine, a few years ago, was printed an article on "The Book That Has Helped Me Most in Business." That article was an eye-opener to countless men. The idea of getting shrewd business counsel from the Bible had never occurred to them. They began the article, thinking they were going to get a tip about some particularly up-to-date volume on management. And they did! But the "up-to-date volume" was the Bible.

Because this is true, and because

all that has been said in this present article is true, you will be interested

to know something about the making and distributing of the Bible today,

and also some of the wonderful bits of its history.

Though the Bible is the most pop-

ular of all books, don't imagine that its publication is to be lightly attempted. A prominent publisher estimates that before a Bible can be put on the market at least five hundred thousand dollars in capital will be required, and thousands of dollars must be spent on plates and equipment in general. No house could afford to put out less than ten styles of Bibles. From that number the styles run up to thirty.

The Bible appears in larger editions than any other book. Two million copies of the Revised New Testament were ordered in advance—in sharp contrast to the fifteen thousand which constituted the first edition of Tyndale's New Testament, translated from the Greek of Erasmus and secretly sent into England in bales of cloth and sacks of flour in 1525.

The American Bible Society never prints less than one hundred thousand copies when it goes to press with an edition of one of its more popular forms of Bibles. At the same time, perhaps, it will print an edition of not more than one thousand of an expensive translation to circulate among the Kurds.

People have very decided preferences as to the edition they get. One man objected to a modern version, because he said it "read like a morning newspaper." A woman refused a thirty-five-cent edition, because she thought so cheap a Bible could not be right.

"I want a God's Bible!" she said.

Twenty million Testaments were distributed among the soldiers and sailors of the countries engaged in the recent war, and it is declared that millions of these men are now demanding the whole Bible.

Europe has had a Bible famine since the war began. Presses were stopped; and in some of the invaded countries plates were hidden so that they could not be confiscated and used in making munitions. In order to help Europe over this Bible famine, photographic copies in various languages were made by the American Bible Society, and many editions of these have been run off and sent abroad.

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The "Poor Man's Bible" came out in 1491, and was given its title because it was printed in small folio size and could easily be bought by the poorer people. In 1568 the "Bishop's Bible" was brought out. It was published by a company of bishops and cost \$80 a volume. It was not popular because of its cost. Altogether, it is estimated that ten thousand editions of the Bible have been printed.

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In their appeal they said it would be "a menace to civilized humanity" if circulation of the Bible decreased.

Down in Dallas, Texas, there is a street car conductor who has set himself the task of placing a copy of the Gospel of St. John in the hands of every car man in the city. A railroad conductor in the same town buys inexpensive Testaments by the dozen and distributes them to the section hands, station loafers and passengers along this run. In short, rich and poor, great and lowly, Presidents of the United States, street-car conductors, "drummers," up-and-coming newspaper men—in all walks of life you find men and women who think the Bible is worth reading and worth getting other people to read. How long since you read it?

Many manuscript Bibles, besides several of Wycliffe's are in existence. The Wycliffe Bibles were written by hand, translated from the Latin Vulgate, and cost \$200 apiece. Those who could not afford to buy, paid to read these Bibles by the hour. A manuscript Bible, of enormous size, is now in preparation in England. It is to be the joint handiwork of royalty and of political and educational leaders. When finished, it will be

### ON THE FIRING LINE

Now is The Time to Work And Our People Have it in Them.

We Must Outstrip Every Other Religious Movement in The World.

If you do not have the snap and fire you are not worth much in the Lord's work. The time has been when people could appear very pious and carry a solemn air and never smile or sing and probably be worth something in the Lord's service. But that time is past now. You've got to be on the firing line now if you want to make a mark in the Lord's service.

Picketing and skirmishing may be worth all they are intended for, but it is not until the regulars come up with their firing line that decisive battles are fought and victories are gained. There must be something more done than merely parading around and taking chances. There must be something sent all over the world, as part of a Bible campaign.

A New York man's son, a cripple, spent several hours a day for two years, writing a Bible. It does not contain an error, and the verses and headings are all in red ink, the whole being beautifully written. A short-hand Bible is exhibited in London, the work of an apprentice in the days of James II, when even to possess a Bible was dangerous. An American woman owns a Bible which an ancestress baked in a loaf of bread, when a house-to-house search was being made for copies of the Scriptures.

Many single Bibles are of great value. Henry E. Huntington paid \$50,000 for the famous Gutengerg Bible from the Hoe collection. This Bible was the first book known to have been printed from movable types, and was brought out between 1450 and 1455.

Many editions of the Bible have been printed, and more are appearing regularly. The King James version has been used for three centuries. It is so called because at the beginning of the seventeenth century, when there were three versions of the Bible in existence, King James had fifty-four experts undertake a fresh translation from many old documents besides the Hebrew and Greek originals.

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real and definite now. And if you are fired at by the enemy.

The Church of God is on the firing line, and that is the very reason that the enemy is firing back at it so vigorously. And let me tell you that the Church of God Army is going into it about right now. Money is scarce now, and this is against us at present, but we are receiving letters from many of the workers stating that they expect to continue on in the work even if they have to live hard and suffer for food and raiment. This sounds like real soldiers to me.

I wonder how many we have in our ranks that would stick if they were reduced to want and suffering like General Washington's troops were the winter he encamped at Valley Forge. His men stuck to him although they were half starved, and their feet were bare and they left blood on the frozen ground as they marched. But they were fighting for American freedom that we are enjoying to-day. I believe we have many that would stick to their job to the very last breath.

I am sure some will complain and say they would have to get a job to support their families if they could not have more, but I am just as sure some would go through without a murmur if they should not get a penny. I know we have some that will stay on the firing line till they drop before they would offer a word of criticism, murmur or complain. This is true blue soldiery. Paul says we should be good soldiers, and we must follow his instructions. And this means to endure privations as well as to fight.

I tell you, now is the time to work and our people have it in them. A letter from the field a part of which I will give here shows the spirit that is prevailing now: "Brother, we have taken up the house to house canvassing in a general and systematic way. I have three of the sisters helping me and we are visiting hundreds of homes, praying in more than half of them, and distributing our literature in most all of them. Besides, we are distributing lots of papers and tracts in our meetings and other ways.

Our first supply of literature is already exhausted. The work is proving such a blessing, and so many of the saints are becoming so much interested that we are preparing to sow down this town and country around the town with our literature."

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Sunday, April 10, is Home Mission Day.

There has been a far greater demand for the Sunday School literature for this quarter than any time in the past.

Only one hundred and fifty churches have reported for the Sunday School Census Drive. I wonder if we will have to remind the others about it by letters direct.

There seems to be an understanding among some of the ministers that their tithes are kept back at headquarters. This is not the case. Their allotment is sent to them and this added to the offerings they receive gives the total receipts. From this total they are to subtract their actual expenses in the ministry and tithe the balance. They can put their tithes in any local church or send to headquarters.

A note from the foreman of the printing department states that during the month of March we printed 338,120 pieces. This includes books, pamphlets, tracts, posters, letter heads, envelopes etc. This is some business, isn't it? All of this means that we are publishing the gospel of peace and good will to men. Every piece means a message to some one somewhere. Praise the Lord.

The winter term of the Bible Training School has closed. The exercises by the students gave some idea of what had been before them during the past school year. The life of Joseph and incidents that led him to the high position of being a father to the Pharaoh of Egypt and a preserver of life during a great famine were portrayed in such a manner as to make a deep and lasting impression on all who saw and heard. And it was clearly stated that Joseph was a type of Christ. The other exercises, the songs, the music, the recitations and map work all showed that both teachers and students had not been spending their time in idleness. Both teachers and students are deserving of much credit. Somewhere, sometime this world will hear from this zealous band of young people who are preparing for efficient service for the Master. The next term is announced to open Sept. 26, 1921. Most of the students have expressed their intention of returning to complete the course. Only three were given diplomas this year. C. T. Morgan of South Carolina, Elizabeth Gonin of Tennessee, and Jessie L. Penney of California. I hope many young people will make preparation this summer to start in the school next fall.

The Spring and Summer revival and camp meeting campaign is now starting. I want the pastors, the evangelists and workers to use the Evangel freely and profusely in their meetings and get thousands of new subscribers. Let us make sure of coming up to the next Assembly to hear that the subscription list has reached the twenty-five thousand

mark. I want every body to do your best to get subscriptions. The readers can see by this time that the paper contains much more reading matter than formerly. This is due to the using of smaller type and a better equipped office. I believe it contains more straight reading matter for the price than any other religious paper published. Do your best for it, beloved, do your best for it! Please do your best to help spread the good news. Order a roll and go to work for it in real old fashioned dead earnest. I can't offer a commission. I wish I could, but I believe the Lord will reward you.

We have just received a shipment of fine Bibles. Send for price list if you need a good Bible. Also order the books, pamphlets, tracts, song books, and Sunday-school literature. We have a few back date Sunday-school picture rolls that sell at \$1.25 each when new, that we will sell for 60c each if any body wants them. The pictures are beautiful and a few of these beautiful colored Bible day pictures hung around on the walls makes the home look cheerful and are constant reminders of the Bible and Jesus, the apostles and saints of old. Remember you get twelve beautiful pictures for only 60c. This is only 5c each. If you want them you had better get your order in at once or they may be gone.

Orders for the hot weather gospel fans are already coming in. It will not be long now until these fans will be in great demand. Better place your orders and get ready for the hot weather demands. We have a few back dates yet that we can let go for 35c per doz., and \$2.25 per hundred. The late ones are 50c per doz., and \$2.60 per hundred. Special price by the thousand.

A note from the forelady of the tract mailing department states that there were 58,190 tracts sent out last week. This is some going, isn't it? I am rejoicing because our people are becoming so enthusiastic over tract distribution. This is one of the best ways to publish the gospel. You can give a tract to a person that you can't talk to. Many will read a tract that will not listen at you. Let us keep right on sowing these silent messengers everywhere. You can buy them for 25c per hundred, or if you can't pay for them and will distribute them we will gladly send them free, but this means we will have to trust the Lord for gifts and donations to pay for them. Pray for this great work, both for the means for expenses and for the tracts to accomplish the greatest good possible. Also pray for more laborers (tract distributors) to be sent forth into the Lord's great harvest field. We want to put them out by the millions soon, when we are now putting them out by the thousands.

We are now making a new 20,000 edition of The Story of Walter. This booklet has accomplished untold good in the last five years of its publication. Twenty-five thousand have been sold. I call upon every lover of Jesus to help us circulate them at the advertised prices.

### NOTICE

A district convention will be held at Morristown, Tenn., April 23rd and 24th. D. C. All the churches in the Knoxville district will be expected to be represented at the meeting. Come expecting a good time, the Lord has been blessing these conventions. We especially urge that all the ministers attend their district convention.

M. W. Letsinger, State Overseer.

Keep the Church Pure and Clean. Dear Brother Tomlinson, \*and All the Saints—Greetings:

I praise God for His saving and keeping power.

Our meeting has just closed. For two weeks Brother Harry Whittington explained the Scriptures to us. He did great preaching here, many outsiders saw the light on this way.

There were one saved, one sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues, and all the saints were edified and drawn close together. I have a stronger determination than ever to go through with Jesus.

We have our Church organized in bands as our General overseer decided, and we feel that it is a stepping stone to better things: For this way is a clean way and if we follow the directions laid down for us by the Assembly, we will find that nothing unclean can stay in the Church of God. Praise the Lord. Saints, let us do with all our might what our hands find to do, for Jesus is coming soon to catch away His bride, the Church of God, pure, without spot or wrinkle. Let us make it pure and clean by living pure clean lives unspotted from the world.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Nettie McLendon,  
Fork, S. C.

### Can't Praise God Enough for Salvation

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God for this wonderful salvation. I praise Him for ever saving me, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I never can praise Him enough for what He has done for me. I want to stand true to God and do His will at all times.

My husband and I have this wonderful salvation, and we have four little girls that we want to rear up for Jesus, pray that we will stay so humble and close to God that we will not be ashamed for them to follow in our foot steps.

Your humble sister,  
Mrs. Eva Dempsey,  
Jasper, Fla.

### Saw the Light and Began Walking in It

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for what He is to me. He has saved me, sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost and fire, glory to God. I thank Him for the love I have in my heart; and for the sweet Comforter which still abides in my soul. I want to praise Him for the dear old Church of God and the place I hold in it. I am so glad that I ever found Jesus and His Church, bless His name. About twenty-six years ago, I was saved from sin and lived a Christian life until about three and one half years ago when God sent some of His people here to preach the full gospel. Then I saw the light and began walking in it. I went down on my knees and received the blessing, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, praise His name. I thank God for sending those people here.

Oh, praise Him for the sweet love and unity that is in the Church of God. I thank God for His power to save, sanctify and baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire, bless His name. He heals my family and myself when we get sick and I thank Him for His healing power. In His blessed Word, He said He would go with us to the end, and I praise God for the determination to go all the way with Him, praise His sweet name.

I praise God for the Evangel for it is bread for my soul. Every week I am so anxious to read it I can hardly wait till it comes to read the sweet testimonies.

I want all who read this to pray for me that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet and do His will at all times. I want you to pray for my children who once had the Holy Ghost, that they may be reclaimed, also for the healing of my husband's grandmother who has been crippled for nine weeks. Pray that God will heal her and save her soul before it is too late. Pray earnestly that I may be able to lead souls to God. He tells us in His Word to go and preach the gospel to every creature, and, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Well, I thank God for Brother and Sister Tomlinson.

Your sister in Christ,  
Dora Funderburk,  
Red Bay, Ala.

### Wants to Serve the Lord

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising the Lord that I still have victory in my soul. I praise Him because He has held me up out of sin in this wicked city. I have been sick for about two months and I want to ask everybody who reads this to please pray for my healing.

I feel like the Lord wants me to do something for Him, and I want you to pray that He might reveal what He wants me to do.

For a while I preached on the streets with another brother, a Pentecostal man who wanted to join the Church of God. We would hold testimony meetings and read the Bible, and the Lord wonderfully blessed, but this brother moved and I lost trace of him and became sick.

There is no Church of God in St. Louis but there were about eight or ten who wanted to join but did not have the opportunity. I tried to get a few together and have Sunday School and prayer meetings, but the devil hindered and I did not succeed. Please pray that the Lord will show me what He wants me to do.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. W. Kny,  
2522 N. Spring Ave.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

### Living in a Hard Place

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am praising God for His blessings which help me on and on, glory to His name. Oh, how sweet to live for Jesus. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30.

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Rom. 10:14.

We can see a lot of these people today, who want to have God's true love abiding in them. I am living in a place where it is hard to live a good life and I would like to ask all the saints to pray for me that I may stay humble and win souls for Jesus. Glory to His name.

Your humble sister in Christ,  
Ollie Hopkins,  
Saltillo, Miss.

### Determined To Go Through

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God for this wonderful salvation. I praise Him for ever saving me, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I never can praise Him enough for what He has done for me. I want to stand true to God and do His will at all times.

My husband and I have this wonderful salvation, and we have four little girls that we want to rear up for Jesus, pray that we will stay so humble and close to God that we will not be ashamed for them to follow in our foot steps.

Your humble sister,  
Mrs. Eva Dempsey,  
Jasper, Fla.

### We might be sanctified.

Walking in it. Jesus tells us in John 14:16, that He would pray the Father to send us another Comforter. Well, praise God! The Comforter has come and abides in my soul tonight. How I thank God that He sent the blessed sweet Holy Ghost into my soul.

When anyone goes down on their knees before God and drinks that bitter cup of repentance, they then receive a forgiving spirit and can forgive the vilest sinner, for anything he says about him, praise our God. If I know my heart I have nothing against anyone on earth, saint or sinner. There have been some hard things said about me but I do not even count it a persecution. We will have to stand more than being talked about for Jesus said He was going to have a tried people. When I hear of people saying wrong things about the Church of God, and people who are trying to serve the dear Lord, it makes me sorry to see how the old devil is ruling them. It is sad to see people serving the devil when they could so easily serve the Lord. We ought to praise God for being saved. What will it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Friends, I feel like pressing on.

I desire a special prayer of every one that reads this for my husband, that he may be saved, and give up the things of this world and serve Jesus for the rest of his life. Please pray for me that God may use me in any way it pleases Him, and that I may be found waiting and watching when He comes.

Your sister determined to go all the way,

Mrs. Dolly C. Smith.  
Bogue, N. C.

### Wants to Sow in Tears and Reap in Joy

I have been appointed district overseer of the Meridian district which includes twelve counties lying between Hattiesburg and Jackson districts.

I feel like this will be a great harvest year for precious souls.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Amos 8:11.

Many are realizing there is a famine in the land and many of God's called ones, those who have the burdens on their hearts for lost mankind, are fishing and hunting for men. I am expecting a large number of such to be brought to the scene of sufferings this year and plunged into the fountain that is opened in the house of David and with the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness.

I ask the prayers of God's people who are looking this way to pray for the meetings that we hold in this district and elsewhere. Hold me up that I may sow in many tears and some day reap in joy.

Your humble brother in His service,

Q. C. Dunaway.

### Holding up the Church of God

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to praise God this morning for what He is to me, praise His dear name forever. He is all in all to me and I am glad I ever learned to trust Him for both soul and body. I know He can heal me and I am not afraid to trust myself in His hands.

We are the only Church of God people in this place and the devil is after us on every side, but, praise God, I would rather die in the front ranks for God than to be a coward and not stand for the truth and right.

I believe in the Church of God with all my heart. For a while, because of the enemy, I failed to hold up the Church as I should but when I saw death approaching one of my children I began to search out my heart to see where I was lacking. I soon found out the trouble and told God that from then on I would stand for the Church in the face of every foe. I then confessed to the church and my child was healed, praise God forever.

I love the way and I am not tired of it yet.

Pray for us that we may hold up the Church in its fulness till Jesus comes or calls. Pray for me that I may step out on His promises and do more for Him.

A servant for the Master,

Pearl Dorris.

Central City, Ky.

### Wants to Tell What the Lord Has Done for Him.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Everywhere:

I want to testify through the dear Evangel about what the Lord has done for me. He saved and sanctified me and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost, and I am a member of the great Church of God, praise His dear name. I love the name of Jesus. I can never thank Him enough for what He has done for me.

He heals our bodies when we get sick, glory to God. I feel like going all the way, glory to Jesus. I feel so good in my soul tonight, as I write these lines I can hardly keep from shouting, praise His name. I have been in this way nearly ten years and it is brighter and sweeter tonight than ever before, glory to God.

Your sister under the blood,

Mary Cole.

Dora, Ala.

### Going Through by the Help of God

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for the joy I still have in my soul. The enemy is strong, but Jesus will never leave us if we obey His precious Word. Praise His dear name.

Though we are in the midst of confusion, and in the valley of decision, yet we can readily see that

## BELONGS TO CHURCH OF GOD THAT SIGNS FOLLOW

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am praising God for victory in my soul and for this great plan of salvation. I praise Him because "He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life," and I know I believe in Him. Glory to God!

I praise Him because He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I have a great privilege of being a member of the Church of God that the signs follow. I am so glad I ever learned to trust God for the healing of my body. I desire the prayers of the saints that I will be humble, obedient and submissive to God's will.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Willie Hindman,  
East Chattanooga, Tenn.

## PRAY THAT GOD WILL SEND PEOPLE

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of the Church of God Everywhere:

I read the good letters or testimonies and get lots of soul good from them.

I praise God through the Evangel for what He has done for me. I will confess that I am not as spiritual as I have been, but I am getting more in the center of His will, and feel more spiritual. It is my whole heart's desire to please Him above everything in this world. I am determined to hold out to the end by the grace and help of God.

I dreamed the other night about singing in tongues and preaching under the power of God. Praise God!

Pray for the Church here, as we have had lots of trials lately. There are many people here but they will not go to the Church of God. Pray that the Lord will send them anyway. Also pray for my brothers and friends.

Yours in Christ,  
L. J. Vollrath,  
West Union, S. C.

## HAS HOME OF PRAYER

Dear Saints of God:

I am enjoying and praising God for this wonderful salvation and the blessed Holy Ghost.

I have been in this way for six months and I have no desire to turn back for I know what it means to serve the devil as I have served him. Praise God for the strong determination. I have to go all the way with Him; I mean to make heaven my home some day by His grace. Praise God!

He fills my soul day by day to tell people how much He has done for me. He gave me a home of prayer, my husband and one son have the Holy Ghost. Praise God. We sure have some good meetings here at home.

I desire the prayers of all the saints of God that I may stay humble and grow stronger, and do His precious will.

Your humble sister,  
Lizzie Stephens,  
Lodi, Miss.

## WANTS TO BE SHINING LIGHT FOR HIM

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I praise God for the way He has led me until this time. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I am really glad tonight I am one of them—God's chosen ones.

I am so glad I heard the true gospel preached and I want to be a shining light for Him to this dark sinful world. For I mean by the grace of God to go all the way with Jesus. Praise His holy name!

I want all the saints to pray for my unsaved family that they may be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God.

Your sister under the blood,  
Mrs. Oma Bowen,  
Eupora, Miss.

## TWO MESSAGES FROM THE LORD

INTERPRETED

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I'm so glad this morning finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name. I am so glad I have such a great desire to go all the way with Jesus. The way gets sweeter every day. I am praising God for the way He is answering prayer and blessing the people.

God has some faithful children here in the dear Church of God near Jesup, Ga., who have been continually pouring out their hearts to God for the lost people and especially for the young folks. God has at last touched their hearts and within the last two weeks, six have received the Holy Ghost and others saved and seeking still higher blessings. One little girl about six years old has the Holy Ghost. Everybody seems so bright and happy, and are good workers in the altars.

On last Friday night we had the best prayer meeting I have ever witnessed. All the saints there seemed to be on fire for God. We had several songs and the power began falling. There was shouting, talking in tongues and dancing under the power.

The testimony meeting was then started and it was just wonderful the way God blessed the saints in giving out their testimonies and telling their experiences. Sister Lizzie Testone gave out a message in tongues and Sister Ellen Williams interpreted it, this is the message:

"Follow Me, follow Me, little children. I will take you to the land of Canaan. Follow on, follow on. This is the way, the holy way, the right way, the narrow way and few there be that find it. Follow Me, follow Me. Follow on, you are near the end. I am coming soon."

Then we all went down on our knees to thank God for the message and interpretation. Sister Testone then gave out another message and Sister Williams interpreted it also. This was the message:

"Why do you doubt? This is the way. Why do you reject God? The gate is open, walk in; the gate is wide open, walk in. Do not grieve the Spirit away. Repent! Repent! this is the

way, the right way. The time will soon be up. Why doubt any longer? Repent and follow me."

We all got down on our faces again and prayed silently, thanking God. Four or five of the saints began to sing in tongues and Sister Williams got a message saying that that was the song the redeemed would sing when they were going in and the angels could not sing. Oh, glory to God!

How good I feel over the many good blessings God bestows upon His children. Our prayer meeting continued until about one o'clock in the morning and the Lord still had a giving hand.

One lady who lived near enough to hear us rejoicing and praising God, got under conviction at her home and began to pray. The next morning she sent for those little children to come and pray for her. Another sister was directed by the Spirit, to go to this place and she went. They prayed for this woman until she came through and received the Holy Ghost.

Praise God for the way He is blessing us here. We desire the prayers of all the saints that we may do the Lord's will.

Your humble sister in Jesus,  
Miley Sewell,  
Jesup, Ga.

## NOT TIRED OF THE WAY

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am still praising my blessed Saviour for what He has done for me. I was once a Baptist and I wanted to do right; now I am in the right way.

About ten years ago I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Acts 2:4.

I am not tired of this way yet and feel like traveling on and on.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. S. Jones,  
Cleveland, Tenn.

## DETERMINED TO TRAVEL ON

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Saints Scattered Abroad:

I am so glad to report victory in my soul this morning. Bless His holy name! I was saved January the eighth and ever since I have been in that strait and narrow way, praise the Lord. The way grows sweeter all the time. The farther I go the greater becomes my determination to go all the way. Praise the Lord!

This morning, I think of the time when I was once a lost sinner; but now I am filled with the Holy Ghost and can tell the world of it. Bless His dear name! Oh, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus. I want you to pray for me, dear brother, that I will grow stronger in Jesus and when He comes I will be ready to meet Him.

Yours for a deeper experience,  
J. H. Cooper,  
Dania, Fla.

## LOVES JESUS FOR SAVING HIS SOUL

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am glad I can say that God loves me and the reason I love Him is because He saved my soul that was lost. I love Jesus for His saving grace, His sanctifying power, and for the blessed Holy Ghost and fire for the witness of the Spirit. Praise God for all things. Pray for me.

Your brother under the blood,  
George Anderson,  
Bentree, W. Va.

## JOY AND PEACE IN HER SOUL

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God this afternoon for the joy and peace in my soul. I praise Him for saving and sanctifying me and because the precious Holy Ghost still abides, thank God. It is so sweet to have a Saviour to go to in every time of need. Praise God, He can help when no one else can.

I was once a sinner and I knew it but when I heard the true gospel I grasped it for I knew it was the right way. I had never been to a holiness meeting before, but, praise God, I had been reading the precious Holy Bible and knew when the Holy Ghost gospel was preached with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4.

I praise God for this highway of holiness and for adding me to the dear old Church of God, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, thank God.

I believe in paying tithes, and I am going to give the tenth of everything I make to the Lord. I praise the Lord for letting me see the light in this way and I pray that more of the people around here may get the experience so we can have a church here. Praise God, I enjoy hearing the true gospel preached. By the help of the Lord, I am going to endure to the end.

I ask the prayers of all the saints everywhere, that I may stay humble and true; also pray for my loved ones who are in sin.

Your little sister in Christ,  
Beatrice Roberson,  
Baxley, Ga.

## HAS THE HOLY GHOST AT FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints of God:

This night finds me really free from sin, and filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues as the evidence according to Acts 2:4.

I am a girl fourteen years old. Two of us have the blessing in our home, paper is saved, and seeking it and mama is convinced. "Pray much for them that they may receive the blessing."

Brother E. H. Pearson and wife, and Brother McNabb are true children of God and they sure can preach the pure Gospel. The Lord uses them in handling fire and healing the sick.

I am not a member of the Church of God yet but I sure do love it and intend to join soon. Brother and Sister Pearson have shown me the true light on the Church of God.

We are having a fine Sunday School. I love the Church of God literature and also the Evangel, which is food to my

soul. I want you to send me a bundle of Evangel and tracts to give to our neighbors. I will try to get some subscribers for it. Pray for our children's prayer meeting. There are five children here who have the Holy Ghost already and more are seeking Him. I want you to pray for us in Bogalusa.

Your little sister in Christ,  
Lula Mae Hawthorne  
Bogalusa, La.

## NOTICES

I would like to know the address and spiritual condition of Minnie Devaney, L. B. Roberts, Annie Burk.

Class Leaders, Jim and Lue Raney,  
Charleston, Miss.

If any body knows the whereabouts of Mr. Will Clark, some may know him by W. N. or Bud Clark, please send me his address at once.

Henry Ayers,

Russellville, Ala.

Mrs. James Overstreet of \_\_\_\_\_, Virginia, R. 2, Box 43 has sent in a three months renewal for the Evangel and failed to give the town. Please send your full address to us. Subscription Dept., Evangel Office, 2524 Gault St., Cleveland, Tenn.

To the members of the Church of God at Providence near Solway, Tenn. There will be a business meeting at Providence on Saturday night, April 23rd, and the Lord's supper and feet washing will be observed on Sunday, April 24th. Come expecting a great meeting.

J. M. Scarbrough, clerk.

The Church at Perry, Fla. wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Chas. Cook last heard of at Perry, Fla., also Mrs. Amey Vinson, last heard of at Jacksonville, Fla. Would like to hear from these people at once.

Your brother,  
D. H. Brown, clerk and treasurer,  
Perry, Fla.

I want some one who can play the organ and sing to go with me on the road work this summer. I have a good folding organ in my possession. I would also like to have some one that has a tent, or if anyone has a new tent or a second hand tent to sell please write me at once by return mail as I have five places now to hold revival meetings.

Your brother in Christ,  
C. G. Coggins,  
Erastus, N. C.

I have now started to visit all the churches again. Will be at Crumley's Chapel church on the 1st Sunday in April, D. V. Expect to have communion and feet washing. Will be at Hurricane, on the 3rd Sunday of April; at Anniston on the fourth Sunday in April.

All members of each church are requested to be present. Come praying and expecting a feast from God.

Thy brother,  
R. M. Gallups, district pastor,  
Pell City, Ala.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

A district conference will be held at Pates Temple near Red Bay, Ala., beginning April 20th.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. Unity and Fellowship, by J. C. Lentz; Thursday 7:30 P. M. Obedience, by J. E. Wigington; Friday, 7:30 P. M. Prayer and its Effect, by H. C. Lucius; Saturday, 7:30 P. M., Tempted and Tried, J. R. Moxley; Sunday, 11:00 A. M., How to Win Souls, H. A. Pressgrove; Sunday P. M., Have Faith in God, E. C. Rider; H. A. Pressgrove, state overseer.

## SLEEP

The death angel visited the home of Brother Prinete Carter and claimed him, a loving husband and father, for his victim.

He was not a member of the Church of God but he said it was the only Bible church. His testimony showed that he was saved and sanctified but had not received the Holy Ghost. He was saved twenty-eight years ago and a few weeks ago God did a work which he said was entirely different. This made him rejoice and feel as light as a feather. He had encouraging words for all he met and will be greatly missed.

He told me on Sunday before he died that he was ready to go and his only request was for a Church of God preacher to preach his funeral.

He leaves to mourn his death, wife and seven children.

You will never be forgotten.

Never from our memory fade; A loving heart will always linger Round the grave where you are laid.

One who loved him,

W. E. Hill.

## HANSFORD

On March 1, 1921 the death angel visited our home at Dahl, Ky. and claimed our dear father, Rowlin Hanesford, age 62 years. He suffered severely for about fifteen hours.

He has been living for Jesus about seven years, although he was not a member of the Church of God he was a believer.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, six children, ten grand-children other relatives and many friends. He was loved by all who knew him, but God loved him best and took him home to dwell. We can only say, Father, Thy will be done, and not ours. For we know and realize our loss is heaven's gain.

With a testimony following he was ready to go. And we hear the voice say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Rev. 14:13. And we know he can never again to us return but we can go to him.

Funeral service was conducted by C. H. Randall, the body was laid to rest near Cedar Gap to await the resurrection.

In love he lived,

And in peace he died,

His life was crave,

But God denied.

His daughter,

Mrs. Chas. Randall.

## ALEXANDER

Estella Alexander was born in Cleveland, Ohio, November 22, 1885 and departed this life in Cleveland, Tenn.

March 23, 1921, age 35 years, 4 months and 1 day.

She was converted at the age of twelve years and joined the Methodist church and was an ordained elder and Missionary of this church.

She was united in marriage to Owen W. Alexander on Sunday, October 2, 1910 in St. Louis, Mo. by Rev. D. G. Gorman. To this union three children were born—Ruth, William and Boaz, ages nine, seven and three respectively.

Brother and Sister Alexander were serving as missionaries in Chihuahua, Mexico when Ruth came into the home. Sister Alexander has traveled extensively with her husband throughout the states carrying the glad tidings of salvation.

In or about the year 1908 she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and in January, 1919, she became a member of the Church of God at this place and was a loyal member till the day of her death. She was set forth as an evangelist on April 14:19.

In the death of Sister Alexander, her husband lost a devoted companion, her children

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A Word for the Bible School  
Dear Ones of the Church of God, and All It May Concern:

I have just received the victory. This morning while studying my Bible, it seemed as if I would go to sleep in spite of anything I could do. Then I remembered what Brother Tomlinson had said in one of the Evangel's of the trouble he often had to keep himself awake and how he often washed his face and ran around in the open air to arouse himself. So this morning I tried it out myself and it worked fine. I jumped and danced with rejoicing for victory even before it came. I felt like a new woman and returned to my work with new life about me. It surely pays to rejoice.

I like my Bible Course fine and am now studying my ninth lesson. It is so good to see so many things in it which compare with the spirit of the age today. I have already received much good from the lessons and am sure I will receive more. My only regret is that I did not commence earlier.

Bible study is like salvation because you have to try it out before you get any good from it. I praise Him this morning for the hope I have in Jesus and for the good I hope to do with the knowledge I derive from my Bible study.

I will be fifty years old on June the seventh if I live and my mind is not so active as it used to be, but with God and all His promises to back me up I study harder than ever to get a better knowledge of the Word of God.

When I married I studied my Bible and, while raising my nine children, found time to carry out its teachings. People came to my door for help and I gave them food and always the Word of God either by a talk or a tract. Now He who is my life has opened the way for me to get a better knowledge of Him. I encourage others and tell them that God will see to them even in hard times and to the end of the world.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. C. E. Reed,  
2033 Springwells, Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.

#### Wants Church in Her Neighborhood

Dear Brother Tomlinson:  
I am thanking God today for what He is to me. I am thanking Him for showing me the true way of holiness. Although I do not have the privilege of attending the Church of God, I still have the victory and am praying God that a Church may be started here, for we sure need it.

However, we are having cottage prayer meetings and have a few believers but none with the blessing yet. Pray a special prayer for us here.

A sister in Jesus,  
Mrs. Belle Murray,  
Saltillo, Miss.

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Loves the Way Better Every Day  
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the  
Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I praise God through the dear old Evangel for victory in my soul. I am still a Church of God member and like this good old way better and better every day. We have a little Church here in Roanoke, Va. We have thirty members. Brother Niswander is our pastor and I don't think he could be beaten in Virginia or any other state, and we thank God for him.

Its pray for me that I may be ever bound doing a good work for Jesus.

Mrs. D. P. Lawhorn,  
Roanoke, Va.

#### ON THE FIRING LINE

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and the printage of them will show sooner or later. Getting people into Sunday school who do not attend is not all the object there is in this special drive. It gives the churches some work to do and this is always good. To be a church member and not work in too much like nonentity. And this will not do at a time like this. Time is too precious—passing too rapidly—to let it go by in that way. Every body works in the Church of God, every body works at something. The great object is to work to save others, and in this way they will save themselves.

Two men were traveling in great snow storm. While on the way they found a man lying in the road almost covered with snow. At first they supposed he was already dead, but upon examination they found he was not dead but in a condition to die in a few minutes if there were not something done to aid him. One said, "We must aid him, for he will be frozen in a few minutes if we let him alone." The other said, "But I am almost frozen, I must hurry on to the place I am going. I cannot stop." He went on, but the other took hold of the frozen man and lifted him up and rolled him about, and worked hard to bring him back to consciousness. By doing so he got warm besides he saved the man from death. After a while they went on together, not thinking of overtaking the man that would not stop to help an unfortunate wayfaring stranger. They had not traveled far, however, until they discovered the form of a human almost covered over with snow. Upon examination they soon found that it was the very man that could not stop to help another. He was already dead and frozen stiff.

Here is the lesson: Work to help others keep up life. No help given, such a one will soon die. This is especially true of spiritual life. A person cannot retain spiritual life who never tries to help others. A Christian experience will soon disappear if it is not put to use. While you are helping others you will get help. This is the way to the life giving fountain, and this is the way to stay under its dippings.

#### Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I report a wonderful revival, conducted by Brother H. L. Caldwell, Sister Nellie Jones from Ravensford, N. C. assisted in giving out the Word. The Lord did wonderfully bless. It began with prayer meeting at Brother and Sister Bradburn's on Tuesday night, February 22 and closed on Sunday night, March 6, 1921.

There were three saved, three reclaimed, eight sanctified and nine received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Acts 2:4. Thirteen were added to the Church of God and nine followed the Lord in water baptism. One sister and her husband received the baptism the same night. He received the Holy Ghost at church, and she received Him, on the way home. They were praising the Lord and singing all the way home. The Lord's supper and feet washing was observed on Sunday night. Pray for

Your brother in Christ,  
E. C. Bradburn.

#### Praising God for the Strait and Narrow Way

Dear Saints of God:  
I am a member of the dear old Church of God, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, praise God. I praise God for this straight and narrow way. It is a holy way and no uncertain thing shall pass. It makes folks straighten up and live a clean life.

I am glad that I have paid the price and come into the dear old Church of God, the church that will stand until Jesus comes. Pray for me that I will ever be found humble and doing something for the dear Lord. Your blood-washed brother,  
Wesley Ross,  
Alicia, Ark.

#### Wants To Go About His Father's Business

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings: I am glad to report victory tonight, walking in heaven's bright light. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. I feel like going all the way and doing what I can for Jesus and His church. Oh! I should be up and about my Father's business. I feel that I must go if the Spirit keeps urging.

I live about seven miles from the nearest Church of God people, so I cannot go to meeting often, but I read the Evangel regularly. It is food to my soul; how I praise God for it.

I want every one who reads this to pray for me that I may stand true in the Church of God and do His will, who has done so much for me. Also pray for my unsaved parents.

Your brother in Christ,  
Simone Tipton,  
Marietta, Ga.

#### Loves the Church of God Because She Is Pure and Clean

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of God—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am praising God today for the great love He had for me to save me from a life of sin. I am so glad I ever learned to know God, and that life is eternal. Bless His holy name! I rejoice greatly in the truth of God, which tells me I have been redeemed; not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but, thank God, with the precious blood of Jesus as a lamb without a spot or blemish. I am so glad I became a member of the Church of God, that Jesus says the gates of hell shall not prevail against. Praise God for ever, I feel so safe in the Church of God. I have more freedom and liberty than in any other

church. I love the Church of God because it is pure and clean.

Beloved, the Lord surely has been good to me and the baptism of the Holy Ghost keeps the fire burning in my soul.

It was through Brother Tomlinson's encouragement that I am taking the Bible Correspondence Course which is proving a great blessing to me. I feel like I am in one of the greatest schools on earth. I think every one should take it for it means so much to anyone, it is such a great help. Praise God!

Beloved, I want you to pray for me that I will ever stay humble and true to God.

Your brother in Christ,  
M. A. Cohee,  
Preston, Md.

#### Is Delighted With the Way

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for a salvation that keeps us above sin. I praise Him because He met me in Thayer, Mo. more than eleven years ago, saved me, sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I spoke with other tongues. I am praising God for this way, I love it and it just suits me. I feel like traveling on, praise God for this clean way, for the dear old Church of God of which I am a member. I am glad that He ever thought me worthy to be added to His glorious body, for I know the Church of God is the cleanest thing this side of heaven.

Pray much for me that I may be true to the end, and that the Lord may have His way with me. I mean to do His will if it costs my life, burned at the stake. It will be just laying down the cross and taking up the crown, with a short route to glory, praise His name.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,  
J. W. Grimes,  
Truman, Ark.

#### A Falling Away Must Be

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints:

I praise God for what He has done for me. I am so glad I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, also a member of the Church of God.

I love the Church, her teachings and government. The government brings all the members together in one, when all are obedient to all the teachings. As the Word says, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." Although some have dropped out each year as the government is made better, Jesus said except there be a falling away He would not come back. After awhile His church will be without spot or wrinkle. Then He will come after His bride. Praise God! I want to be among the ones that will rise to meet Him.

A sister,  
Minnie Funderburk.

#### GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

F. M. McClendon

For some time, I have felt like writing on this wonderful subject, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. I will admit there has been much said on this subject, but I am afraid, not enough.

Over nineteen centuries ago, our Savior appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and gave this great command, "Go ye into all the world." In St. Luke's gospel He records these words, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoves Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:46-49.

From my boyhood I have wondered why the work of the apostles was so effective that thousands of souls were saved in one service, but since I have seen the beautiful light of Pentecost and have tarried until the blessing came, I understand the theme of their success and the wonderful endowment of power for service.

I remember, on one occasion, after our Lord had been crucified and arose. His disciples asked Him saying, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" And he said unto them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:6-8.

Beloved, we see it isn't earthly things that we need but the power for service. I am afraid that a great many of us preachers spend too much of our time worrying about our earthly welfare. As I view the situation that confronts us now, it is a good time to sing, "I am living by faith and feel no alarm." I have often sung this song but never realized what it really meant like I do now.

Some time ago I read a letter from one of my dear brothers. He said he was in a hard shape financially. I kindly wrote back, "Now is our time to shout." Do you think I am complaining about the hard times, a thousand times no, I have never felt more like going on in my life. Hallelujah! The "Go ye" is ringing out like a thunder bolt from a clear sky. Beloved, we need the zeal that will burn its way through all opposing powers, discouragements, disappointments and hindrances. Go, go, until the flag of full gospel truth is planted in every part of God's creation. There are many folks that say they are called to preach, if you are called to preach, if you are brother or sister you had better get busy. Let every man abide in the calling wherein he is called. There is a difference in being called to do a thing and being sent. Moses upon seeing his people in bondage thought they knew how God would deliver

them so he killed the Egyptian rings or any unnecessary ornaments that was over certain of them.

The next day seeing two of his own brothers striving together he thought he would settle the matter but they said, "Wilt thou kill us as thou didst the Egyptian yesterday?" Moses upon hearing this, fled into Midian and remained for forty years. One day when he was looking after the sheep, he saw a bush on fire and the bush was not consumed. God spoke to Moses out of the bush and commanded him to go and deliver his people.

Brother, if your calling will not last through thick and thin, you need to stay in Midian until you get the fire. Moses began to make excuses, he said that he couldn't talk well and that he wasn't an eloquent speaker, but the Lord told Moses that he would give him Aaron, his brother, and he would be his spokesman. Jesus said, "Think not until that hour what you shall speak but the spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."

The sermon in the Evangel to the presachers was fine. We need the fire that will burn its way into every cold heart we come in contact with. When the Lord called Isaiah he began to make excuses about his unclean lips. Then one of those flying creatures took the tongues and picked up a coal of fire from the altar and put it on his lips. Isaiah said, "Lord, here am I, send me."

Beloved, a God sent man will go under all circumstances. Let us get a coal of fire from off the altar of God that will open those uncircumcised lips; loose that old stammering tongue and set every fibre of our being afame with the white heated love of God that will keep us on the go ye path until the world is evangelized and the gospel of the kingdom is preached into all the world; unto every creature, black, white, bond and free and our Lord says, "It is enough, come up higher." Amen.

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